

REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated July 1, 2005. Claims 5-7, 18, 19 and 26-30 are pending, of which Claims 5-7, 18, 27 and 28 and 36-38 are indicated as being allowable, Claim 26 is rejected, and Claims 29 and 30 are objected to.

The indication of allowability of Claims 5-7, 18, 27, 28 and 36-38 is noted. By this response, all of the pending claims continue unamended, and a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection of Claim 26. In view of the following discussion, it is submitted that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance.

OBJECTIONS

A. Allowable Subject Matter:

The Examiner has objected to Claims 29 and 30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner concludes that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The indication of the allowable subject matter with respect to these claims is acknowledged. However, in view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith, it is believed that base Claim 26 is in allowable form and, as such, dependent Claims 29 and 30, as they stand, are therefore submitted to be in allowable condition. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing objections to Claims 29 and 30 be withdrawn.

REJECTIONS

A. Double Patenting:

1. Claim 26

Claim 26 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 with regard to prior U.S. Patent No. 6,626,466 which issued to Applicant. Specifically, the Office Action states that Claim 26 is rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,626,466.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the rejection based on the non-statutory double patenting grounds. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

A check in the amount of \$130 is also submitted herewith to cover the terminal disclaimer fee.

Conclusion

In view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith and the discussion presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the present response responds to all of the issues raised in the Office Action. Thus, it is submitted that Claims 5-7, 18, 19, 26-30 and 36-38 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

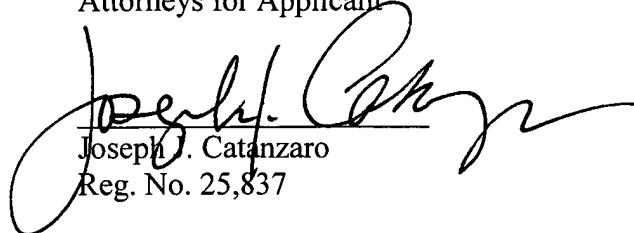
If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in any of the claims now pending in the application, we respectfully request that the Examiner telephone Mr. Joseph J. Catanzaro at (212) 949-9022 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or to credit any overpayment, due by reason of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address below.

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